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1. SUMMARY: KENYA GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON ANGOLA DATED
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NOV. 11 CALLS FOR THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO UNITE AND

INDICATES THAT KENYA WILL ADHERE TO OAU POSITION OF URGING GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. STATEMENT CALLS FOR END TO HOSTILITIES, HOLDING OF ELECTIONS AND END TO EXTERNAL INVOLVEMENT. IT EXPRESSES SATISFACTION THAT PORTUGAL HAS COMPLETED DECOLONIZATION IN AFRICA AND VOICES KENYA READINESS TO ESTABLISH DEPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GOK STATEMENT, AS RECEIVED FROM MFA:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA HAILS THE DEPARTURE ON THE 11TH NOVEMBER OF THE PORTUGUESE COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION FROM ANGOLA AFTER 500 YEARS OF OPPRESSIVE RULE. THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL HAS THUS LIVED UP TO ITS DECLARATIONS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 23RD SEPTEMBER- AND 17TH OCTOBER, 1974, ACCEPTING TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

IT IS REGRETTABLE HOWEVER THAT THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA WERE NOT ABLE TO PRESENT A UNITED FRONT TO FACILITATE THE SMOOTH AND ORDERLY TRANSFER OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF NATIONHOOD BY THE DEPARTING COLONIAL POWER. DESPITE THE UNPRECEDENTED AND UNCEREMONIOUS DEPARTURE OF PORTUGAL, KENYA IS STILL CONVINCED THAT WITHOUT EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA WHO FROM YESTERDAY SHOULDERS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE, CAN BURY THEIR DIFFERENCES AND THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND POLITICAL COMPROMISE FORM A UNITED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE WELFARE, PEACE AND SECURITY OF ANGOLA AS A WHOLE.

AS THE PRESIDENT, MZEE JOMO KENYATTA, TOLD THE THREE LEADERS IN NAKURU IN JUNE THIS YEAR, IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT TO LEAD THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA. THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE FREE AND LIVE IN PEACE, STABILITY AND PROGRESS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR OWN CHOICE. THEY ARE BOUND TO REJECT ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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LEADER WHO WILL PLUNGE THE COUNTRY INTO CHAOS AND BLOODSHED.

THE PRESENT CONFUSED SITUATION IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER OF INTERNATIONALIZING THE ANGOLAN CRISIS TO THE PROPORTIONS BEYOND VIETNAM AND THE CONGO CRISES. THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA CONSEQUENTLY APPEALS TO THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE TO UNITE AND AVERT EXTERNAL INVOLVEMENT AS WELL

AS COLD WAR CONFRONTATION WHICH COULD ENDANGER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THIS CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAKURU ACCORD AND PARTICULARLY: AN END TO ALL HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE WARRING PARTIES; IMMEDIATE CALL FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS; AND AN URGENT APPEAL TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO REALIZE THAT ANGOLA'S NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE PARAMOUNT AND MUST BE PUT ABOVE ANY POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL DIVERGENCIES. IT IS ONLY THE THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA WILL BE MEANINGFUL IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OAU RESOLUTIONS ON THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM FROM THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA.

UNTIL THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES ARE ACHIEVED, KENYA WILL ADHERE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OAU FACT-FINDING COMMISSION ON ANGOLA AND REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY SHALL BE FORMED AND TAKE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY. IN THIS REGARD, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF KENYA WISH THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA WELL AND WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THEIR PROMISE FOR TRAINING FACILITIES AT VARIOUS KENYA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO ASSIST ANGOLANS IN THEIR TASK OF NATION BUILDING.

FINALLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL HAS NOW COMPLETED ITS DECOLONIZATION PROCESS IN AFRICA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UN AND OAU RESOLUTIONS ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA WILL NOW BE HAPPY TO ESTABLISH DEPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AND LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH PORTUGAL AS EQUAL PARTNERS AT UNCLASSIFIED

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